

# FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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In Area no. E	Form no. 208
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ldress 582 Mass. Ave.

me Hobart-Alderman House

esent use residence

esent owner Mary A. McGirr, JT  
Rental? Geraldine F.

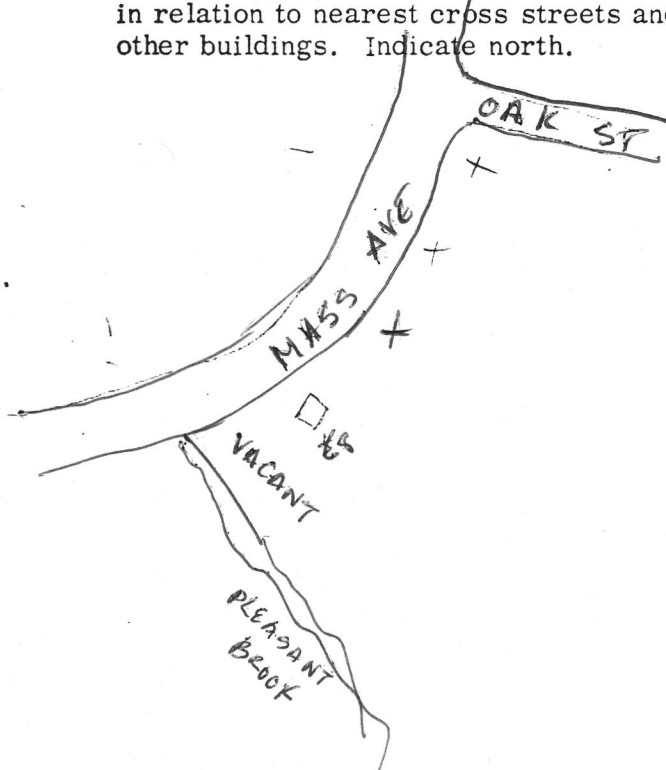
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te C1835 (on 1853 survey map)

Source Not on J.G. Hales' 1830 map)

le Federal / Greek Revival / Colonial Revival

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features Five bay wide, 2 rm deep

center entrance, granite foundation. Door

with diamond pane sidelights.

Altered Yes Date c.1900

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

25'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt & Anne Grady

Organization Lex. Hist. Com.

Date 7/1975

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Greek fret work on pilasters, flat entablature; semi circular Col. Rev. porch with railing at 2nd floor level, simple columns; addition to left rear w. same entrance detail over porch; two chimneys at ridge. Minor decorative effect on gable verge board.

This was the home of Harry L. Alderman, a "veterinary surgeon," who was born in Lexington in 1859. Behind his home was a small trotting track where he trained his horses. *Here as late as 1922.*

His two sisters, both unmarried, lived in the house at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Bow Street. According to E.B. Worthen, this latter house was the "original structure surely built before the Revolution."

Before moving into this house, H.L. Alderman conducted his veterinary business from the family home at the corner of Bow Street (see Lexington Directory 1894).

*Joshua Hobart (b. 1829/d. 1895), a farmer, lived here in 1877. His daughter Mary married Theodore Dupee (son of Elias - see 517 Mass. Ave.) + lived at Arlington Heights.*

*S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984*

*Worthen, p. 62*

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

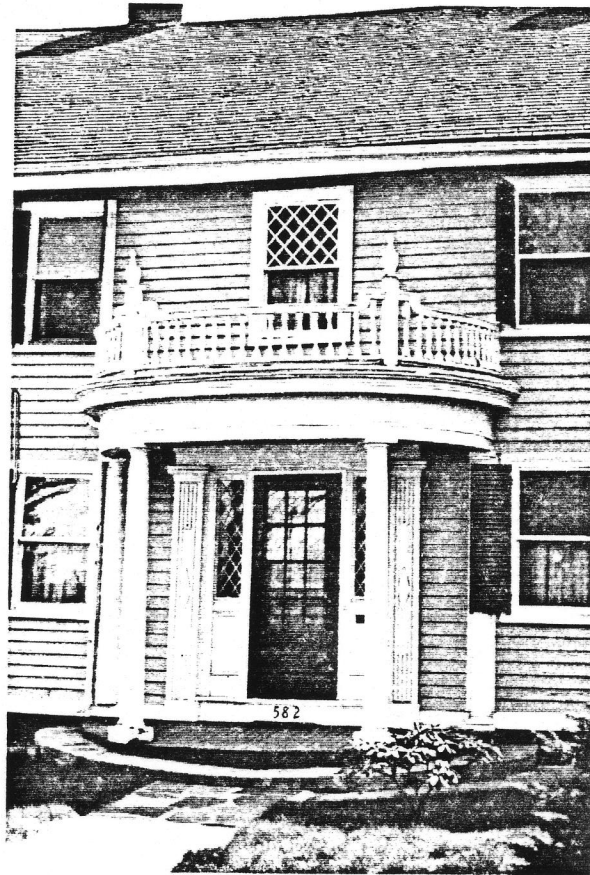
*E.B. Worthen Tracing the Past in Lexington, Mass., 1998, p. 62.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Lexington	Form No: 208
Property Name: 582 Massachusetts Ave.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.



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Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
582 MASS. AVENUE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On March 18, 1892 the following appeared in the *Lexington Minute-man*:

Mr. Alderman has purchased the property on Main street, formerly known as the Knight estate, and we understand that after making many alterations and repairs, Dr. Harry Alderman will make his home there.

Dr. Alderman married Addie Fuller in 1895 and continued to live here until about 1922.

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